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RESPONSE

These remarks are in response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2004. The shortened statutory period for response is set to expire June 10, 2004. A one-month extension of And Entered RCE Peried 9/10/04 Brunen 10/6/04 time to expire July 12, 2004 (July 10 and July 11 being a Saturday and Sunday, respectively) is requested in a petition filed herewith.

Applicants respectfully request an Examiner Interview to clarify the outstanding rejections, to clarify the Examiner's characterization of the prior art, and to discuss the legal standard applied in the outstanding double-patenting rejection.

A Notice of Appeal is filed herewith in order to provide time for the Examiner and Applicants' attorney to communicate regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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